



Denise Oettinger, Humane Animal Specialist, with her dog Recon.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE HUMANE ANIMAL PROGRAM

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The Humane Animal Program has made the transition into the computer age. Our recently updated forms and newly created databases help us track our calls and assist us in serving the public. With spring upon us, we anticipate our usual surge in wildlife inquiries and dog bite incidents. The new computers and software will be a definite help in getting us through this busy season.

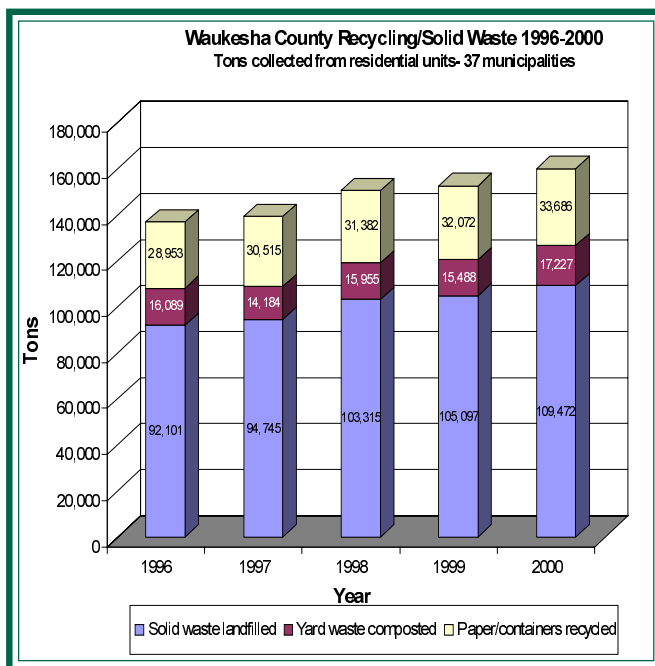
We have had several interesting cases assisting local law enforcement with rabies and humane related issues. Recently, in a local physical fitness center, we captured a bat exhibiting unusual behavior. Tests showed that the bat did not have rabies. We have also had bite cases involving coyotes and raccoons. We oversaw the surrender of several neglected cats and took them to the Humane Society. Much to our delight, they were all adopted into caring homes. We assisted the Sheriff's Department in transporting an elderly couple's dog to the emergency veterinary clinic for treatment of its seizures. The county Humane Animal Specialists, Denise, James and Jill have completed various training courses that help them in their duties serving county residents both human and animal.

BUILDERS ACHIEVE RECYCLING RESULTS

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Through a cooperative effort between the Metropolitan Builders Association, the builders, Wisconsin Environmental Initiative and WasteCap Wisconsin, ten builders recycled wood and cardboard from their building sites in the Village of North Prairie and the Town of Delafield this summer. WasteCap Wisconsin developed, monitored and measured results of the recycling program for the participating builders.

Wood and cardboard were recycled on ten building sites. Cardboard was recycled through a contract with The Peltz Group, Inc., who provided eight-yard covered bins for collection. The different look of these bins from a trash container helped keep contamination down. Wood was recycled through a contract with WoodCycle, Inc. The cost of recycling both cardboard and wood was 57% less than the cost of trash disposal. A time-based management approach was used, so the recycling containers were on the



building site only when the majority of the recyclables were generated. As a result of these efforts, 52.4 tons of wood and cardboard were recycled from the building sites, comprising 46% of the total waste.

On a typical home construction site, 50% of the waste is wood and cardboard according to a 1998 study by Camp, Dresser & McKee. The wood recycled is enough to build more than four average-sized homes, according to figures from the USDA Forest Products Lab. In total, the equivalent of 376 trees (two acres) was saved.

As a result of this project, some builders are now recycling on other job sites as well. "It's

pretty simple and it's cheaper, plus it's the right thing to do, so why not?" noted one builder.

For more information about the recycling program, contact WasteCap Wisconsin at 414-961-1100.